

WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
April 20, 2006

Board Members: *Holly Parker-Jensen (District #1)*
 Pat Clothier (District #2)
 Gail Pollock (District #3)
 Bonnie Decker (District #4)
 Duane Sommers (District #5)
 Rita Reandeau (District #6)
 Larry Swift (District #9)

Absent: *Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)*

Legal Counsel: *Bonnie Terada*

Superintendent: *Todd Reeves*

Guests: *Lorana Myers, Classified staff representative*
 Lori Scheer-Matheson, Certificated staff representative
 Kay Pedisich, Fiscal Analyst 3
 James West, WSDAA representative
 Chuck McCarthy, Business & Operations Manager
 Dawn Smith, PSO representative
 Rick Hauan, Assistant Superintendent
 Warren Pratt, Plant Manager
 Larry Cole, Residential Program Supervisor
 David Born, Transition Coordinator
 Nancy Sinkovitz, Residential Program Supervisor
 Sharon Caton, Residential Secretary

Recorder: *Judy Smith*

Interpreters: *Elizabeth Morgan, Don Coates*

The meeting was called to order by Duane Sommers, Vice-Chair, at 9:03 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Minutes from March 16, 2006, meeting

Larry Swift made a motion to approve the March 16, 2006, Board meeting minutes and Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Announcement

Due to family health concerns, Duane Sommers is resigning his position when his term expires in July 2006.

Strategic Plan

The submission deadline for the Strategic Plan has changed to June 1, 2006. An updated draft will sent out to WSD stakeholders. Any feedback received will be discussed at the May Board meeting.

The Superintendent will revise the “Appraisal of External Environment” portion of the Strategic Plan to reflect additional plans for the future.

Vision statement: Deaf and hard of hearing children being successful in their adult lives and the role of the school in bringing that about. The public school system doesn’t have the capacity to meet all of the needs of deaf and hard of hearing children, particularly to cope with isolation. Need to create a seamless delivery system to assist school districts.

Goal 1: Add: Provide extended learning opportunities for all deaf and hard of hearing children in the state of Washington.

Goal 2: Add: Build a relationship with Children’s Hospital and hospitals in Eastern Washington.

Goal 4 (or as an additional goal): Add measure to include year round school and address the transition needs of deaf and hard of hearing children.

In order to prepare deaf and hard of hearing children for the future WSD needs to create learning opportunities from the time they are very young until they are adults.

Devise an off-campus environment for troubled deaf youth that need education.

The Board will email any additional ideas regarding the Strategic Plan to the Superintendent.

Board Retreat

The Board Retreat will be held in Vancouver on Friday, June 9th (8 a.m. – 2 p.m.).

Institute of Public Policy (IPP) Stakeholder Study

Senate Bill 6386 allots \$55,000 for a study to be conducted by a group of individuals who will develop a recommendation that would establish an integrated system of instructional and support programs that would provide deaf and hard of hearing children with the knowledge and skills necessary for them to be successful in their adult lives. A request for proposal has been sent out by IPP to secure the services of a facilitator for this study.

Larry Petersen and Wayne Sinclair have been recommended to represent the Washington State Association of the Deaf (WSAD).

Safety Curriculum for Children

The Committee for Children's "Boost student achievement with social skills" catalog was distributed. The Committee for Children is interested in obtaining WSD's feedback regarding adapting their safety materials for deaf and hard of hearing children. They would also like to meet with Howie Seago and the Shared Reading Outreach Program (SRVOP) to see how their safety materials could be used through distance learning.

GMAP – Maintenance and Operating Budget (Chuck McCarthy, Business & Operations Manager)

Chuck McCarthy gave a GMAP presentation: "Maintenance, Capital Project Progress, Operating Budget Update".

Pat Clothier made a motion that the Board Chair send a congratulatory note to the Facilities department on the outstanding job they are doing. Duane Sommers seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Legislative Visits (Todd Reeves)

Several legislators participated in WSD's All Star Day dinner. Each legislator sat with a family and the interaction was very positive.

Children & Family Services Visit

The Children & Family Services Committee will be visiting WSD on May 24, 2006. Ideas for the structure of that visit are:

- After school electives (if the tour is in the afternoon)*
- Visit each academic level*
- Folder for each visitor*
 - Include list of concerns*
- Howie Seago (via distance learning)*
- See social interaction with students*
- Visit with audiologist*

Children & Family Services will also be visiting Listen & Talk on May 9th as well as a possible visit to the Edmonds School District. Carol Carrothers of Washington Sensory Disabilities Services (WSDS) is preparing a presentation for the May 9th visit.

Policy Development

First Reading: Animals on Campus – Policy 2163 Revised

This policy was revised to include pets on campus. The Board would like personal liability clarified before adopting this policy.

Larry Swift moved that this is the first reading of policy 2163 and individuals be given the opportunity to make comments prior to its adoption. Rita Reandeau seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Transition Program (Larry Cole)

The transition team has been meeting every week to discuss the transition needs at WSD. A “draft” transition proposal was distributed. Participants in this program would either attend college or be employed (paid or through work experience). The participants would be housed on the second/third floor of Clarke Hall. The Transition Program would use existing resources.

The question as to whether a participant must have received a diploma in order to participate will be discussed by the transition team.

Executive Session

The meeting closed at 1:40 p.m. for one hour to discuss individual student and personnel issues with the Superintendent and legal counsel. The meeting reopened at 2:40 p.m. and closed again for an additional 30 minutes. The meeting reopened at 3:00 p.m.

Future Board Meetings

- *April Board meeting will be held at WSD.*
- *May Board meeting – Pasco*
- *June Board meeting – Bonnie Decker moved that the June Board meeting be changed to Thursday, June 8 so the Board members can attend graduation. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*
- *July and August Board meetings are cancelled. If action is needed during these two months a phone conference will be held.*

Adjournment

Pat Clothier moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rita Reandeau seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.